

# The Caledonian

Price 3d.] EDINBURGH,

## THEATRE ROYAL.

FOR THAT NIGHT ONLY.

By permission of the Author, and THOMAS HARRIS, Esq; Manager and Patentee of the Theatre-Royal, Covent-Garden, London.

## FOR THE BENEFIT OF MR WARD.

On WEDNESDAY Evening next, April 25.

WILL BE PRESENTED,

A NEW COMEDY, called,

## SUCH THINGS ARE.

Written by Mrs INCHBALD, and now performing with the greatest applause, at the Theatre-Royal, Covent-Garden. It has already been commanded by their Majesties several times, and honoured with their Royal approbation, as well as the first Critics of the age.

Mr WARD;

Mr KEMBLE;

Mr WOODS;

Mr ILIFF;

Mr SPARKS;

Mr BELL;

Mr CHARTERIS;

Zedan;

Guard, Mr BLAND jun.

Prisoners, Mr MICHEL, &c.

Keepers, Mr J. BLAND,

Mr YATES, &c.

And Sir Luke Tremor,

Lady Tremor,

Aurelia,

And Female Prisoner,

The PROLOGUE to be spoken by Mr ILIFF;

And the EPILOGUE by Mrs WROTON.

Between the Play and Farce will be presented,

V A R I E T Y.

Consisting of SINGING and DIALOGUE.

Scene I.—A Cottage, "Auld Robin Gray," Jeanie, Mrs ILIFF.

Scene II.

A Prison. Queen Mary's Lamentation, Mrs KEMBLE.

Scene III.—By particular desire, a Comic Scene from

THE REGISTER OFFICE.

Captain Le Bruth,

Mr WARD;

Gulwell,

Mr CHARTERIS;

Scene IV.—A Forrest. A Hunting Song, Mr BELL.

Scene V.—For that night only, Mrs KEMBLE will deliver

BELLES HAVE AT YE ALL.

Scene VI.

THE PICTURE OF A PLAY-HOUSE:

O R,

BUCKS HAVE AT YE ALL.

(For the only time this Season.)

By Mr WARD

To which will be added,

(Not added this Season), The Comic Farce of

HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS.

Love,

Sir Harry,

Philip, Mr W. WELLS;

Freeman, Mr MICHEL;

Robert, Mr J. BLAND;

Thomas, Mr YATES;

Coachman, Mr BLAND jun.

Kingston, Master CHAR-

TERIS;

And my Lord Duke,

Lady Bab;

Lady Charlotte,

Mr LA-MASH;

Mrs CHARTERIS;

And Mrs Kitty, (with a Song in Character) Mrs SPARKS

WITH A MOCK MINUET.

The curtain will rise precisely at half past Six.

TICKETS to be had of Mr WARD, No. 3. Shakespeare's

Square, and of Mr GIBSON at the Theatre, where

Places for the Boxes may be taken.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

On THURSDAY Evening, April 26. 1787,

WILL BE PRESENTED,

A COMEDY, (not added this season), called, The

J E A L O U S W I F E.

Mr WOODS;

Mr LA-MASH;

Mr BELL;

Mr MOSS;

Mr CHARTERIS;

Mr HALION;

Mr MICHEL;

Mr J. BLAND;

Mr BLAND, jun.

Mr YATES;

Mr WILSON;

Mrs CHARTERIS;

Mrs WOODS;

Mr LA-MASH;

Mrs VILLARS;

Mrs ROBINSON.

Between the Play and Farce, an Interlude Entertainment of

Singing and Dancing, called,

A TRIP TO L E I T H;

OR, THE

S A I L O R ' S W E D D I N G.

The Music selected from the eminent Composers.

Mr BELL;

Sam Coble,

Will Mizen, Mr CHARTERIS;

Ben Block,

Ed Bob Boreas,

Mrs McGregor, (the fat Landlady)

Mrs W. WELLS;

Sally,

Mrs SPARKS.

To which will be added, a Musical Entertainment, called,

T H E P A D L O C K.

Mr MICHEL;

Mr BELL;

Mr J. BLAND;

Mr BLAND, jun.

Mr MOSS;

Mrs VILLARS;

Mrs ILIFF.

Tickets delivered by Mr MICHEL, Mr WILMOT-WELLS,

Mr YATES, Mrs LA-MASH, and Mrs VILLARS, will be admitted.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

To be SOLD by public roup, on Friday next the 27th

of April current, in the house of John Mill, Esq; of

Fearn, Alton's Square, consisting of Mounted Beds, Tables,

Chairs, Carpets, China, Feather Beds, Blankets, and Bed

Linen, an exceeding good Table Spring Clock, several pic-

ces of very handsome Indian Paper, with various other ar-

ties.

A few BOOKS are also to be sold, which may be seen by

calling at Mr Mill's house, from 12. to 2 o'clock of Thurs-

day forenoon.

The Sale to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and to con-

tinue till all is sold off.

Mrs BOWIE Auctioneer.



# The Mercury. No. 10,238.

MONDAY, APRIL 23. 1787.

## For the BENEFIT of Mrs WROTON.

On SATURDAY Evening, April 28. 1787.

WILL BE PRESENTED,

A COMEDY, (never acted here) called,

## FASHIONABLE LEVITIES.

Written by Leonard Macmillan, Esq; Author of Robin Hood, &c, and now performing at the Theatres-Royal, London, with universal approbation.

Captain Douglas, Mr WOODS;

Welford, Mr LA-MASH;

Sir Barnard Savage, Mr MOSS;

Nicholas, Mr WARD;

Colonel Staff, Mr BELL;

Chesterly, Mr W. WELLS;

And Ordeal, Mr KEMBLE;

Clara, Mrs KEMBLE;

Widow Volatile, Mrs SPARKS;

Constance, Mrs WOODS;

Grace, Mrs LA-MASH;

Mrs Mullin, Mrs VILLARS;

Honour, Mrs CHARTERIS;

And Lady Flippant Savage, Mrs WROTON,

End of Act II. A favourite Scotch Ballad, by Mrs ILIFF.

End of Act III. A Song, called "On the Green Soddy Bank,"

By Mrs KEMBLE,

Between the Play and Farce, "Tally-ho!" by Mrs ILIFF.

"Set Fair Glarinda, (written by a Gentleman of this

City,) by Mrs KEMBLE.

To which will be added, a Comedy in Two Acts,

Written by David Garrick, Esq; called, The

## G U A R D I A N.

Heartley, (the Guardian) Mr WOODS;

Young Clackit, Mr WARD;

Servant, Mr YATES;

And Old Clackit, Mr MOSS.

Lucy, Mrs VILLARS;

And Marriet, Mrs WROTON.

ANATOMY, SURGERY, AND MIDWIFERY.

D R Aitken, on Wednesday the 2d

of May, at one o'clock afternoon, in his Theatre

in Surgeon's Square, will begin his twenty-fifth course of

lectures on Anatomy, and the Theory and Practice of

Surgery. Fee Two Guineas.

On Monday the 7th of May, at ten o'clock forenoon, he

will begin his twenty-fifth course of the Theory and Practice

of Midwifery. Each pupil is entitled to a copy of

Principles of Midwifery, as a text-book. Fee One Guinea.

N. B. A perpetual ticket for both the above mentioned

courses is Four Guineas.

During the second week of May, he will begin a course

of lectures for Midwives.

LLOYD'S LIST.—April 20.

THE Hope, Hallahan, from Waterford for Newfoundland, was stranded in Waterford harbour. The cargo is got out with little damage, and relamped on board the Fanny, best, for Newfoundland.

Captain Foster, of the Ark, arrived at Dover from Lisbon, on the 28th ult. Spoke the Hannah, Harvey, from London for Lisbon, twenty-five leagues west of Cape Finisterre, all well; and, on the 6th instant, spoke the Integrity, Gibson, in company with Everett, Peatonby, from London for Quebec, ten leagues S.W. of Scilly, all well.

The Godhit, Gulav, Johan Newman, from Bordeaux to Stettin, is carried into Ramsgate with four feet water in her hold, after being on the Goodwin Sands.

Captain Tyre, of the Port Packet, from Mahaga, brought into Plymouth a ship, name unknown, supposed to be French. He fell in with her the 10th instant, twenty-five leagues W. of Scilly, without any living creature on board; had nine feet water in her hold. She is partly laden with logwood, dead wood, &c.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, April 19.

Mr Sheridan, after some remarks on the project of farming the post-horse tax, which he conceived to be an improper alteration, moved, that an account be laid before the House of the duty on post-horses from January 1779 to January 1787.

This motion being assented to, he moved, that an account be presented to the House of the produce of the Customs for the space of two years, to the 5th of January 1787.

This motion being also agreed to, was followed by three or four others from the same gentleman, relating to different branches of the revenue.

He then expressed his wish, that the opening of the budget, which had been proposed for to-morrow, might be postponed; in which case the Right Hon. Gentleman would be more fully prepared for the discussion of so important a business.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied, that he saw no reason for deferring the consideration of that business later than to-morrow.

The third order of the day being read, for a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the charges against Warren Hastings, Esq; Mr. St. John took the chair.

Mr Francis then rose, to bring forward that charge which relates to Mr Hastings's mal-administration of the revenues of India. The subject which he was now to enter upon, was, he said, less calculated than many of the former charges, to make a deep impression on the feelings of the auditors—it was dry, perplexed, and obscure. While other gentlemen who had preceded him in this business had offered a rich-banquet to the Committee, he was apprehensive that his would be a dull and insipid service. With respect to the part he had taken against Mr Hastings, as well in his former opposition to him, as in the course of the present prosecution, he had been accused of being actuated by personal pique and resentment. This assertion, however, he would meet with a peremptory denial. In vindication of himself from this charge, he gave a narrative of his public progress in life, from the Secretary of State's office to the Council Board of Bengal. From this statement it appeared, that at the time of his going to India with General Clavering and Colonel Monson, he was prepossessed in favour of Mr Hastings, rather than prejudiced against him; and the same might be said of his two colleagues. But when they were more intimately acquainted with the Governor-General, the opinion they had before conceived of him was changed; and they not only found his character the reverse of what they had expected, in point of justice and honour, but also with respect to knowledge and abilities. The impolicy and injustice of many of his measures at length impelled them to commence that opposition which it was their duty to maintain. He entered at large into the opposition thus carried on against the Governor-General; and observed, that his regard for public justice was the sole motive of his endeavouring to promote an enquiry into the conduct of that gentleman.

With regard to the present charge, he would affirm, that if Mr Hastings was innocent in other respects, this alone would be a sufficient reason for impeachment—his management of the revenues comprehended a great mass of criminality. He then represented the lands of Hindolat as the private and inestimable property of the Zemindars—a property which they claimed in consequence of the regulations of the Shafer, the religious code of the Brahmans, a book of very great antiquity. This right had been grossly violated by Mr Hastings; for he established a Committee of Circuit, consisting of persons who went about as collectors of the revenue; and his manner of making this establishment was consonant to his system of oppression and peculation. He had put up the lands to auction; and, as it was natural to suppose, that the Zemindars, who were the owners of them, would not offer more for them than they were worth, they fell into the hands of knavish adventurers. Thus, by a flagrant act of tyranny, the original proprietors were ejected from their possessions for the space of five years. He also permitted Canto Baboo, his Banyan, (a servant who acted as agent or broker), to farm many of these lands, to the amount of thirteen lacs and a half of rupees per annum. This was contrary to an express regulation, prohibiting Banyans from taking any farms of the East-India Company.—Though Mr Hastings had pretended that the institution of a Committee of Circuit would tend to the advantage of the revenue, the reverse had taken place; for the balances and remissions had amounted to two hundred and thirty lacs of Sicca rupees. He had talked of prosecuting the members of this Committee for peculation; but had afterwards declined all thoughts of a prosecution, thinking, perhaps, that such enquiry would bring to light some particulars that might tend to his own discredit. Though Mr Francis and his two colleagues had endeavoured to bring forward an investigation of these transactions, they had not been successful; for the courts of justice were hostile to them, and acted uniformly in support of Mr Hastings, in direct opposition to the object of their institution, namely, the distribution of impartial justice. He then adverted to the execution of Nundcomar, which was supposed to have

been the consequence of his preferring a complaint against the exactions of the governor general; and also to the continual persecution sustained by an Indian lady of rank, for similar complaints.

The Committee of Circuit was preceded by the establishment of Provincial Councils, in pursuance of Mr Hastings's plan of making frequent changes in the revenue system for the purpose of rapacity and corruption. The Provincial Councils were afterwards abolished to make room for a Committee of Revenue; the members of this last Committee were mere tools in the hands of Gungagovin Sing, a man of an infamous character, who acted as Douan, or Collector-General, and who was greatly patronised by the Governor General. This man was indebted to the Company's Treasury in the sum of four lacs and a half of rupees, which Mr Hastings pretended he could not make him pay. But could it be supposed, that Gungagovin Sing would venture, in a case of this sort, to elude the demands of the Governor General? It was more probable, that Mr Hastings was apprehensive of having his practices exposed by this friend of his, if he should insist on the payment of the balance. The establishment of this Committee of Revenue proved highly injurious to the Company. By these and other means, did Mr Hastings contribute to the diminution of the Company's treasure, and the emolument of himself and his friends. Having treated copiously of these points, he concluded with moving, that it is the opinion of this Committee, after considering the said charge, and hearing evidence thereto, that Warren Hastings, Esq; by his conduct in this affair, is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Major Scott said, he should confine himself to two or three points only, previous to which he could not forbear taking notice of some particular infamies and observations, which had fallen from the Hon. Gentleman, (Mr Francis) relative to pamphlets that had been published by him; but he denied having so done: at the same time, was free to say, that he believed the Hon. Gentleman had been himself the author of various pamphlets, which he named. The Hon. Major reprobated, in strong terms, Mr Francis's reflection on the Directors of the East India Company, who had, he said, supported the Hon. Gentleman very handsomely during his residence in India. He contended, that letting the lands by public auction, had been a measure pursued for a great length of time, and read extracts from a variety of papers, both public and private, in support of his arguments; particularly with respect to the Zemindaries farmed to Canto Baboo, which he said was well known to the then minister, (Lord North). As to the other charges, he should say little respecting them, as the documents on the table would amply refute them. The revenues, he said, had increased ever since the dissolution of the Provincial Councils, and the Committee of Revenue substituted in their room, was exactly conformable to that established in the year 1783, except in the instance of its being under the control of one superior officer. The conclusive tenor of the Hon. Major's argument in support of the first establishment of Provincial Assemblies, was positively to say, that the Governor-General adopted that measure as a wise expedient to counteract the ignorance of General Clavering, Colonel Monson, and Mr Francis, who were just arrived from Europe. —As to what had been said respecting Gojish Gobal Sing, he could only observe, that he knew very little of him; but, that he was generally considered in India "as a very great Rascal;" but that the Governor-General did not know any other man so fit to employ (here a loud laugh!).

Mr Francis declared himself ready to prove his revenue charge against Mr Hastings, before any Committee of the House would think fit to appoint.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said, that the present charge appeared to him to be centered in one point—that of the presents made to Mr Hastings, which he was of opinion had been fully brought home to him on a former occasion. He therefore did not see the necessity of considering the present a less criminal busines as an important article of impeachment, unless the Hon. Gentleman who brought forward the charge should think proper to couple it with the principal ones already admitted under the head of general presents. The Right Hon. Gentleman confessed, that he coincided with many of the principles and axioms laid down by Mr Francis, but nevertheless could not pointedly agree in the criminality of Mr Hastings, as far as related to his putting up the Zemindaries to public sale; nor could he doubt the responsibility of Canto Baboo as to his personal security. He had offered more than other persons had done, consequently his offers had been accepted; but the Governor-General, the Right Hon. Gentleman said, had nothing to do with the transaction, for it took place during his absence, and was negotiated by other Gentlemen—heither had Mr Hastings any participation in it; and so far was it from proving a desirable object to Canto Baboo, that he soon afterwards solicited to be relieved from his bargain. With respect to other points, particularly the discontinuance of the prosecution which the Governor-General was ordered to carry on, he was not to be blamed in that instance, as the discontinuance thereof originated with Sir John Day, at that time Advocate General in India. The Right Hon. Gentleman therefore concluded by observing, that considering the whole of the charge brought forward by Mr Francis, he could not find sufficient grounds for impeaching Mr Hastings, although he admitted there was great matter of criminality in particular points.

Mr Fox replied with all the warmth of patriot emanation to what had fallen from the Right Hon. Gentleman over the way, which he said had surprised him very much; but above all, that, in the course of the debate, it had been argued, in favour of Mr Hastings, that the repossessing the Zemindars of their undenial property had originated upon a doubtful point of law. In Mr Hastings's idea of law, there was no property; for he had taken upon him to confiscate, at his pleasure, all the property of those who were deemed proper victims for his rapacity, tyranny, and savage cruelty! During the space

of eight years, the Hon. Gentleman declared, that no less than eight changes and innovations have taken place, occasioned by such wanton acts of despotism relative to the Zemindars, that upon that charge alone he would not hesitate a moment to carry an impeachment to the House of Lords. The presents received, he said, were trifling compared to the selling of whole provinces, which no law could vindicate—no necessity countenance or defend!

Mr Pitt read an extract tending to prove that the Zemindars property was not unalienable.

Mr Fox, in a very few words, refuted the Right Hon. Gentleman.

Mr Boughton Rouse rose to observe, that he had always been an advocate for the Zemindars, but could not be brought to think that their property was hereditary or unalienable. It was a name, he said, that had not been known more than a century among the Gentoos of India. Zemindaries might be rather considered as offices, which descending from father to son, rendered them a kind of natural right to the possessors, and the honourable gentleman instances their being farmed by a former Governor of Bengal, (Mr Verelst) who, he said, was equally respected for his integrity and his humanity; and, in short, defended the general conduct of Mr Hastings relative to the charges before the House, which, he said, were not sufficiently criminal to support the motion for impeachment.

Mr Burke, in a style of eloquence almost surpassing his usual flow of convincing reasoning, began by doubting whether his hearing or his memory had not totally forsaken him.—He then, in support of his doubts, read the opinions formerly given by Mr Boughton Rouse, which went to a direct and palpable contradiction of all the honourable gentleman had advanced respecting the Zemindars; whom, at the period he alluded to, he had thought fit to represent as men possessing the highest rank of nobility, and indisputably Lords of their several Sovereignities or domains. Nay, such was the account given of them by Mr Rouse, that he declared he had seen their palaces falling to ruins, and themselves, although looked up to by the natives with devotion—left a prey to all the horrors of famine and despair. After giving a melancholy though animated picture of the distresses under which these grandees of India groaned through the persecution of the Governor General and his banyans or footmen, the Right Hon. Gentleman entertained the House with a very curious letter, written by a Mr George Bright to Mr Hastings, wherein the former names an appointment he should wish to fill, and under the figurative oriental idea of its being full of game, which might be easily brought down for the Governor's pleasure, as a lover of natural history, enters at once into the proposition of bribery, for which it appeared Mr Bright fell a very proper sacrifice, notwithstanding he was justified from his knowledge of Mr Hastings's conduct, (what has since appeared at the bar of the House) to think himself secure in making the offer—it is not possible to follow the Right Hon. Gentleman through all the meanders of his amazing rhetoric; we shall therefore content ourselves with saying, that it carried such conviction with it, (after a deftly conversation between the honourable gentleman and Mr Barwell) that on the question being put in the usual form, the numbers were:

For the Impeachment — 71

Against it — 55

Majority — 16

Adjourned at past One o'clock.

LONDON.—April 20.

On the second reading of the Consolidation Bill yesterday in the House of Lords,

The Earl of Coventry moved that it should be committed.

The Earl of Carlisle opposed its being referred to a Committee, and condemned the union of the bill for the consolidation of the customs with the commercial treaty, as depriving their Lordships of an opportunity to deliberate respectively upon the two bills.

Lord Sydney vindicated the bill.

Lord Porchester vehemently opposed it, as did Lord Stormont, and Lord Loughborough, and were answered by the Lord Chancellor and Lord Hawkebury.

On the question being put, the numbers were,

Contents 70

Non Contents 29

Majority 41

The bill was accordingly committed for this day. Wednesday, Sir Joseph Yorke kissed the King's hand at St. James's, on his promotion to the command of the 11th regiment of light dragoons.

Lord Longford, and several other naval and military officers, kissed the King's hand on their respective promotions.

Wednesday, Mr Dundas, the Solicitor-General of Scotland, was at the levee for the first time since his marriage, and was introduced to the King.

Wednesday night, there was a very grand rout at Lady Berwick's, Portman-square; the Prince of Wales, and a great number of the most distinguished nobility and gentry were invited on the occasion.

Wednesday morning, died, at his house in Upper Seymour-street, the Right Hon. Robert Shirley, Earl Ferrers, Viscount Tamworth, President of the Middlesex Hospital.

On Monday April the 9th inst. died, at Brussels, Anthony Lord Viscount Montague: his Lordship is succeeded by his only son George Samuel, now Viscount Montague, born Jan. 26, 1769.

The state of affairs between Russia and the Porte has certainly been made known to Government by the Russian Ambassador in an official manner, giving notice of a fleet coming round from the north, and demanding for them the usual accommodations within the ports belonging to Great Britain.

Much speculation is carrying on in the article of cheese, and that more immediately in the counties of Gloucester and Wilts, where many hundred tons lay ready for exportation on the signing the Com-

mercial Treaty. This traffic will affect the community at large, and more particularly the poor, as such we mention it, and though friends to an amicable intercourse between the two countries, recommend it to the serious attention of Government.

A letter from Paris, received on Saturday, via Holland, contains the following interesting particular: "By the crew of a ship, lately arrived from the Isle of France, we are informed that the British Governor at Bombay, has taken possession of *Don Diego Garcia*, one of the islands in the small Archipelago, to the north east of the isles of France and Bourbon. This part of the world, first discovered by the Portuguese, was afterwards often visited by the French. Mons. *De la Bourdonnais* had there left some of his countrymen, and given his name to the island, which was afterwards successively called *Mahé*, *Praslin*, and latterly *Seychelles*. The Governor of Bombay having landed there, has, without ceremony, turned adrift a French family, the only inhabitants on that spot."

"This place, though not altogether very desirable since there is no water, might hereafter serve the English to rendezvous their ships, in case of any future attack upon the Isle of France. These considerations have induced Mons. *de Souillac*, Governor of the latter place, to lose no time in dislodging the English, who returned soon after, and landed three hundred sepoys, and two hundred Europeans. When the news came away, the French Governor was preparing an army of eight hundred men to retake possession. It is hoped that the dispute so wretched a spot of ground will not interrupt the good harmony now subsisting between the two nations."

The same letters add, that the greatest marks of attention and civility are shewn by people of the first rank to the little Prince of *Cochinchina*. He has been successively entertained most sumptuously by the Prince *Conde*, Cardinal *de Layne*, and other noblemen of the first distinction. Four hundred men are to be drafted out of the Irish brigade, as part of the forces intended to march to the assistance of the Prince's imperial father.

The dispatches received lately from Earl Cornwallis, Governor-General of Bengal, wear an aspect at once so serious and alarming, that all the Leadhall-street sophistry cannot do their coverts away. They have already transpired, and exhibit to the view a scene, in direct contrast to those reported as set forth by the partisans of Administration. They soundly assert, that the credit of the Company is gone, and that their government cannot subsist without aid from home. Their bonds are at a higher discount than they have been since the termination of the war, and the resources are drying up. The affairs on the Coromandel coast are in a worse state than those of the Carnatic. But both together are in a most distracted situation. Eng. Chron.

The late dispatches from Lord Cornwallis represent, it is said, the Company's affairs in India as very different from the late flattering accounts which have been given of them. G. & P. Post.

Wednesday last his Grace the Duke of Portland arrived in Bristol, and was introduced by the Sheriff to the Council-house, where the Corporation were assembled in their scarlet gowns to receive him. The instruments of his admission into the liberties of the city, and a grant of the office of High Steward of Bristol, were then presented to him by the Town Clerk, who, in a short address, observed, on the antiquity of that honourable office, "That it had long been held by persons of high rank, the last of whom was the late Earl of Hardwicke, then Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; and, at the same time, expressed the very great satisfaction of the body corporate, in the opportunity afforded them, of nominating, as his successor, a person of his Grace's eminence and distinguished worth." To this the Duke condescendingly replied, "That he should ever pride himself in being enrolled amongst the worthy citizens of Bristol, and very sensibly feel the honour conferred by the Corporation, in bestowing on him an office so truly respectable." The Corporation afterwards attended his Grace to the Mansion-house, where, with Lord Stormont, and other gentlemen, he was sumptuously entertained.

His Grace of Portland honoured the hall at the Assembly-room on Thursday with his presence; and on Friday night the Chief Magistrate gave a ball at the Mansion-house, in compliment to his Grace, which was attended by most of the members of the body corporate, and other citizens of consequence.

Yesterday Lord George Gordon waited upon the Lord Chief Baron Eyre and Mr Baron Hotham, to acquaint them of the straits in which he had been made of their names and dignity in a late act of Parliament. The Chief Baron being in the country, and Beaumont Hotham at that time being sitting as Judge at the Old Bailey, Lord George went there, and sent a note to the Bench, which Sir Beaumont answered by sending his Lordship to come up to him on the Bench, where his Lordship had the honour to communicate his sentiments to the Judge, who stopped the proceeding on the trial, then pending in the Court during the conversation. Lord George left a copy of the act with Sir Beaumont.

It seems, through some mistake of the engrossing Clerks of Parliament, or the King's Printers, that a contradiction has crept into the act, purporting to have been drawn under the sanction of the above named Judges, which will require correcting before the expedition fails. The fact is, that it comprises the judgment and law opinions of those learned and upright Judges in the most unconstitutional and absurd clauses that ever were inserted in an act of Parliament.

It actually sets forth and enacts, that "to establish a colony and a civil government in New South Wales, his Majesty may authorise Governor Philip to convene a Court of Judicature for the trial and punishment of outrages, misbehaviours, treason, murther, felony, or other demerit, as often as he chancels, from time to time, in a more summary way than is used within this realm; which Court (established for a colony and civil government) shall consist of the Judge Advocate of the army, together with six

officers of his Court shall be judges, and shall be held an ex-officio, and condemned by the judge.

This is done in the present stage of trials for the trial of the British soldiers.

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## MEMORIAL

Humbly addressed to the  
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

BY THE

COMMITTEE appointed by the General Conventions of Delegates for obtaining a Reform in the Internal Government of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland.

In the discharge of our duty as a Committee, appointed by the General Conventions of Delegates, for obtaining a Reform in the Internal Government of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, we have the honour to address you: Nor can we doubt that you will excuse this freedom, when we inform you, that the subject on which we write involves the interests and welfare of a great and respectable body of the people of Scotland.

We know not whether the intentions of the Burghes of Scotland, though openly declared, to obtain a correction of the Internal Government of the Royal Boroughs, in that part of the kingdom, have hitherto attracted your attention.

We therefore have the honour to inform you, by direction of our constituents, that several Conventions of Delegates, from the Burghes of a considerable majority of the Royal Boroughs, have been held at Edinburgh. These meetings, the first of which was in March 1784, were both numerous and respectable. The abuses complained of were investigated, and brought clearly into view; the circumstances and situation of the different Boroughs were explained; a system of Reform of their Internal Government, as contained in the heads of a bill which accompanies this, has been prepared for the confirmation of Parliament; and as the strongest testimony of its being both expedient and practicable, it has received the unanimous approbation of very respectable and intelligent Delegates, composed of merchants, manufacturers, and others, from the Burghes of a considerable majority of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland.

Along with this bill, we have the honour to transmit to you an illustration of the principles on which it is founded: For the object of the present application is, that you may be fully informed of the nature of the evils that exist in the Internal Administration of the Scottish Boroughs, as well as the system of redress which it is humbly proposed to submit to the wisdom of Parliament.

The present communication would have been unnecessary, if the Reform of the Scottish Boroughs depended entirely on any general idea of legislation: But as the object is to obtain a correction of peculiar local abuses and infirmities, so it is evident, that the subject could not easily be understood, especially by the gentlemen of England, without a particular detail and explanation of the nature and history of these local usages and establishments.

The evils which exist in the Internal Administration of the Scottish Boroughs, as described in the illustration, will be substantiated from the very sets of constitutions by which they are governed; and petitions from the Boroughs will be laid before the House of Commons, which will testify that the cause of Reform is supported by the general sense of the Burghes.

It is scarcely possible it could be otherwise. The Magistrates and Town Councils in the Royal Boroughs of Scotland are the governors of the police of the towns, and the administrators of the common property; yet these men are totally unconnected with the burghes, whose common affairs they administer. They are self-elected into office; derive no power from the citizens; are not subject to their control, in matter of public police; and are not in any respect accountable to them for the application of the public money.

The annual revenues of the whole royal boroughs of Scotland, though they are not ascertained with precision, may, according to our information, be moderately estimated at £100,000 Sterling. This large revenue, belonging to the communities of boroughs, and which ought to be faithfully applied to the most useful public purposes, is subject to the administration of men who are not bound to render any account whatever.

The Court of Session had, a considerable time ago, in the cause of the Burghes of Kinghorn against Provost Hamilton and others, found, That action did not lie in that Court, at the instance of private Burghes, to compel the Magistrates of Boroughs to account. By a recent decision of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, it is found, That this Court has no jurisdiction in that matter. The idea of a power, in the Convention of Royal Burghs in Scotland, to bring Magistrates to an account for the management of the revenue, has been reproached by the late opinions of the Barons of Exchequer, as neither founded in law, nor supported by any principle of expediency; so that, as the law of Scotland is now understood, there does not exist a power to control the administration of Boroughs, though it regulates the police of these communities, tramples on the liberties of the Burghes, whom it has reduced to the utmost insignificance, and manages a revenue of £. 100,000 per annum!

In these circumstances, the condition of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland calls aloud for the interposition of the Legislature, and for the introduction of a liberal and salutary system of borough government. That reform for which the Burghes of Scotland contend is, both in respect of its utility and propriety, supported by precedents of great authority. In 1773, the freedom of the town of Stirling was forfeited by acts of bribery and corruption. In 1783, it was restored by the benignity of the crown; and his Majesty, after taking the advice of the Attorney General for England, the Lord Advocate for Scotland, with a Committee of the Privy Council, was pleased, for the better order and good government of the said borough, to alter the former set or constitution, by which the common council was self-elected, and to vest the election in the Guildry or merchants at large, and members of the Incorporated Trades, nearly in the very manner that is now proposed by the present application for reform. The wisdom of this alteration is now conspicuous in the appearance and administration of the town. Parliamentary ideas correspond entirely to those liberal sentiments then discovered by the officers of the Crown. For, in the late report of the Committee of the House of Commons respecting the fisheries, it is proposed, that the magistrates of the projected towns shall be chosen by the householders; a more extensive communication of the rights of election than is now claimed by the Burghes of Scotland.

It is proper to advert, that, as the reform of the Scottish Boroughs now proposed leaves the parliamentary elections on their former footing, it is manifestly distinguished from the Reform which has been fought and denied in England, which was objected to, because it touched the constitution of Parliament.

While the Burghes rely on the warmest support of the Members of Parliament for Scotland, who know their grievances, they repose particular confidence in that liberality of sentiment, and love of liberty, which have ever distinguished the English nation. They cannot but think, that a system of liberty and good government for the Boroughs of Scotland will be cordially embraced by those men who every day experience in their own country the ineffable blessings of a high condition of freedom. The spirit of liberty has raised England above all the nations of Europe, in commerce, in arts, and in arms! And can we entertain a doubt, that the gentlemen of that country will now be desirous to extend the influence of the same salutary system to every part of the united kingdom?

To be allowed to participate in the extensive commerce of England, was not the only blessing which the Union had promised to Scotland. If not a more painful, at least a more engaging and elevated prospect was opened, in the hopes that the liberties of England, which had rendered that nation illustrious, happy, and powerful, might in time be communicated to Scotland. Until this event shall happen, it cannot with justice be said that the Scottish nation has expe-

rienced, in their full extent, those fortunate and brilliant consequences which were expected from the Union.

The abolition of the heritable jurisdictions, in 1748, was no doubt a step towards the establishment of the liberties of Scotland. This measure, suggested perhaps by a violent cause, was adopted by the wisdom of a British Parliament. The present application for Reform originates entirely with the people of Scotland, and proceeds from a sense of opposition, and a love of freedom. It is indeed the first instant in which the voice of Liberty, from Scotland, has been heard pleading her cause, in solemn form, before the tribunal of a British Parliament.

There is therefore every reason to expect that a measure at once so moderate and so salutary in itself, so essentially necessary indeed to the prosperity of the burghs of Scotland, in one of which it has already taken place by royal authority, and so agreeable to the wishes of a great body of the people, will not be rejected, but will meet with that indulgence which a liberality of sentiment is apt to inspire, and that protection which the wisdom and justice of a British government will naturally extend to the rights of every part of the British dominions.

R. GRAHAM, Preses.

March 10, 1787.  
ARCH. FLETCHER, Secretary.

In Committee,

Mr GRAHAM of GALTRENTON in the Chair,

The Committee unanimously resolve, That a copy of the preceding memorial, with the heads of the bill and illustration, shall be sent to each Member of the House of Commons, and appoint the memorial to be signed by the Preses and Secretary, and transmitted to London by the Secretary, to be delivered to the Members by Mr Wilson, solicitor for the Reform at London.

R. GRAHAM, Preses.

ARCH. FLETCHER, Secretary.

## PRESERVATION OF HEALTH.

### Oriental Vegetable Cordial.

AS this Medicine is daily shewing new properties and powers in a variety and multitude of extraordinary cases; owing to its specific virtues in Stomach Complaints; to guard the Public against the artifices of nefarious impostors, the Patentee as a duty he owes the Public, hereby offers a reward of One Hundred Guineas to any person who shall be the means of convicting in any of His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, any person who shall sell or expose to sale a counterfeit sort of this Medicine.

Sold under the sanction of His Majesty, by Mr B. Cornwell, at his house in Conduit-Street, Hanover-Square, London; 5 bottles of 5 s. each, duty included; and by Messrs HUSBAND, ELDER, AND COMPANY, Edinburgh; to be had also of Mr McDonald, Glasgow; Mr Chalmers and Co, Aberdeen; Mr Morrison, and Son, Perth; Mr Sharp, Inverness; Mr Palmer, Kelso; Mr Wylie, Dumfries; and Mr Morsecrope, Berwick.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,

The Lovely Mary,

JAMES BOYD Master,

Is lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent; and will fall the 30th April 1787.

The Master to be spoke with at the New England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle-Street, by the Royal Exchange, at Change hours; mornings and evenings on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA,

The Ship JAMAICA, (British built)

ARCHIBALD MALCOLM Master,

Will be ready to receive goods at Greenock on the 7th April, and to fall about the 10th May.

For Wilmington in North Carolina,  
THE BRIGANTINE DILIGENT, (British registered)

JOHN KEAN Master, will be ready to receive goods at Greenock on the 13th, and to fall the 25th April.

For freight or passage in these vessels apply to Samuel and Robert Anderson of Edinburgh; James Robertson, Merchant Bank, Glasgow; or Archibald Fleeming in Greenock.

March 31, 1787.

For Charlestown, S. Carolina,  
The BRIGANTINE,

S A M U E L, WILLIAM JAMIESON Master,

Will be ready to take goods on board at Greenock by the 10th current, and clear to fall about the middle of May.

The Samuel is a stout vessel, about 300 hogheads burthen, and has excellent accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to Archibald and John MacKinlay, Edinburgh; Burnside and Co, Glasgow; or, Lanark and Jamieson.

N. B. The Samuel will have a Mediterranean pass.

Lands in Aberdeenshire.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, on Friday the 10th day of August, in the New Inn of Aberdeen at five o'clock afternoon.

The Lands and Estates of PREMNAY and LILKHEAD, in the parish of Premnay and shire of Aberdeen, all holding of the Crown, and whereof the free yearly rent, converting the virtual at only 10 s. per boal is 800 l. 1 s. 5 d. Sterling. They lie contiguous, in the heart of a pleasant and populous country, where there is plenty of game, and a trout river.

The lands are of great extent, and remarkably well accommodated with inexhaustible moors, and abundance of pasture. The climate is early, the soil naturally as rich, strong, and substantial as any in the county of Aberdeen; and the fields, which are beautiful, are now all under a regular course of infield culture and management. The farm-houses are in general in good condition, and some of them covered with slate. There is a complete right to the teinds, which are all so valued, and the minister's stipend was lately augmented. All the marches are clear.

This valuable property will be exposed either altogether at 18,000 l. Sterling, or in the two following lots, viz.—1. The Main and Manor-place of Lilkhead, the Lands of Auchleven, Millbigen, Clayford, Dikenoak, Kirkford, Bradford, Burnend, Redrig, Wettbigen, and part of Newton of Premnay, with the mill of Auchleven, and multure, whereof the free rent is 505 l. 4 s. 7 d. And, 2dly, The Lands of Barns or Netherhall, Milntown of Barns, Kirktown of Premnay, Burryhillock, Dales, and part of Newton of Premnay, with the mill of Barns and multure, whereof the free rent is 294 l. 16 s. 10 d. Sterling. Each of these lots affords a freehold qualification in the county. Upon Lot 1. there is wood to the value of above 700 l. Sterling; and this lot will be set up at 11,615 l. Sterling.

The whole estate of Overhall is affracted to the mill of Barns in Lot II.; and the upft-price of this lot is to be 675 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup, rentals, and title-deeds, which are unquestionable, will be shown by John Gordon, Esq; of Craig, or George Moir, Esq; of Scottown, at Aberdeen; and copies of the rentals and articles by Andrew Stuart, junior, with the signet at Edinburgh. Mr Gordon, at the house of L. Lythehead will show the lands.

## CONSOLATION

For those in any degree afflicted with the SCURVY, &c.

BELNG a fluent Abhird from a few of the Cates published by Mr HAYMAN, of Great Marlborough-Street, London, viz. "Cure of the piles; recently performed by a respectable ship-builder, of Poole, Dorset."—"Cure of the scurvy, attended with an alarming ulcer over the left eye; performed on Captain Rogers; certified by Messrs A. Browne and Son, Bristol."—"Cure of a cancerous knee, attended with twelve running sores; performed on the daughter of Mr D. Welsh, of Cumnock, Ayrshire; certified by her father."—"Cure of a fibulous disorder, which frequently discharged so profusely as to reduce the patient to the most feeble state; performed on Mr George Muirhead, of Collington, near Edinburgh; corroborated by Messrs Husband, Elder, and Co. of that city."—"Cure of a scrofulous disorder, which had confined the patient to her apartment twelve months; performed on a lady at Peterborough; certified by Mr J. R. Jacob of that city."—"Cure, exemplifying the excellency of these drops in correcting a coagulated state of the blood; certified by Mr J. Gander, of Sherborne, Dorset; his bottles having perfectly relieved Mr Henry Warren, of Cheltenham, near that place, though deprived of the use of his limbs."—"Cure of universal boils and blisters, which tormented the patient several years, and which no medicinie he before had recourse to could diminish; performed on Mr Banan, of King's Street, St. James's Square."—"Cure of an ichorous scrotum humour, which many years interrupted the patient's rest, whose arms, hands, and fingers discharged a profuse and corrosive matter; performed on Mr Cogan, of Tallow-Chandler's Hall, London."—"Cure of ulcerated legs; performed on Mrs Osmond, of Bayford, and certified by D. Barrett and Co. druggists, at Winsanton, Somerset."—"Cure of a scrofulous disorder of ten years standing, where a mortification was hourly expected; performed on Mr Dennis, of Cavendish, Suffolk, whose case was so well known, as to occasion a general use of the medicine in that and the adjacent counties, where its virtues were repeatedly testified."

For a fuller account, see a Treatise delivered with the Drops, in which Mr Hayman has introduced ample directions to his patients; and to protect them against counterfeits, he has obtained from the Honorable Commissioners permission to have his name and residence, viz. "I. HAYMAN, Marbo-fret," engraved in the Government label, denominating the duty on each bottle, printed at the Stamp-Office by order of the Commissioners, to secure his property, and the health of the afflicted, against counterfeits; and thus labelled, they are sold price 5 s. 5 d. per bottle, at Mr Hayman's house, and by Messrs HUSBAND, ELDER, and CO. Edinburgh; Mr A. McDonald, Glasgow; Mr Morrison and Son, Perth; Mr R. Garden, Aberdeen; Mr A. Wylie, Dumfries; and by some licensed Venders of Prepared Medicines in every town in Great Britain.

Sheep Farms, or Grazings, to Let.

TO be LET upon Grassings, and for such term of years as shall be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitunday next, the following FARMS, all lying in the county of Peebles, viz.

Leaf of a Farm for forty years.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 25th day of April 1787, betwee

A LEASE of the LANDS of HOWATSTONE, and the four sides of the water of Almond, near to the village of Livingston, and to the road from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

These lands contain 400 acres Scots measure, well inclosed by the present tackman, except a small farm fit to a subtenant. The rent payable to the proprietor, by the lease at the yearly rent of 1740. The remainder of the lands consist of 135 acres of grazings inclosures, out of lease, and 130 acres of planting, situated in the centre of the farm, and 20 acres of meadow detached. The tackman has right, by the lease, to

James Shanks at Howatstone will show the lands.

For particulars, apply to George Henderson, at Craigtoun, or Matthew Sanderson, writer to the Queen, who has power to conclude a private bargain any time before

## FARMS TO LET.

Farms.

EASTER HAPREW,

WESTER HAPREW,

Parish of STOBO.

Parish of NEWLANDS.

METHER DROCHIL,

OVER DROCHIL,

WHITESIDE,

FLEMINGTON MILL,

Parish of PEKELES.

EDSTON,

JEDDERFIELD,

Parish of LYNE.

LYNE and ISALLYNE,

HAMILTON,

Alexander Gray.

N. B. The three last mentioned farms may be entered to at Whitunday first 1787.

Such persons as incline to become tackmen of any of the above farms, will please give in their proposals to John Tait, writer to the signet, Park Place, Edinburgh; and name of the offer will be made public, excepting such as shall be accepted of.

N. B. The farms will be shown by John Hunter in Peebles, baron-officer of the estates.

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